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There are practices which are tolerated in religious congregations which Christians, with aspirations of the honor of their Master's house, should utterly condemn. Decorum is the handmaid of devotional feeling, and for this reason a church should never be disturbed by the slightest approach to irreverence. "It is a part of my religion," said a pious old lady, when asked why she went early to church. It is a part of my religion not to interrupt the religion of others."

religion not to twist their necks out of joint to witness the entrance of every person who passed up the aisle of the church, it would be better for their necks and their religion. A gross abuse of religious decorum some

We give that adopted by Henry Clay Dean, who was at one time the Chaplain of Congress. The following anecdote is from a paper called the *Pacific Methodist*:

by this turning practice in his congregation, Mr. Dean stopped in his sermon and said :

"Now, you listen to me, and I'll tell you who the people are as each one of them comes in."

He then went on with his dis-

He then went on with his sermon, when presently another

At length some one opened the door was unknown to Mr. Dean, when he cried out:

cent and old white hat; don't know him—look for yourselves.
The congregation was cured.

Good Counsel.

[From the Liverpool Mail.]
Never be sent down the gutter

If a spider breaks his web twenty times, twenty times will he mend it. Make up your mind to do something, and you will do it. Fear not if trouble come upon you. Keep up your spirits, though the day may be a dark one.

Thou shalt never last forever,
The darkest day will pass away.
If the sun is going down, look
up to the stars; if the earth is
dark, keep your eyes on heaven.
With God's presence and God's
promise a man or child be cheer-
ful.

Never despair when a fog's in the air.
A sunny morning will come without warning.

Mind what you are after.
Never be content with a bubble
that will burst, or a firewood
that will end in smoke and dark
ness; but that which you can

Keep, and which is worth keep-
ing.

Something sterling, that will stay
When gold and silver dy away.

Fight hard against a hasty
temper. Anger will come, but
resist it strongly. A spark may

sion may give you a cause to mourn all the days of your life. Never revenge an injury. He that revengeth knows no rest. The meek possess a peaceful breast. If you have an enemy act kindly to him and make him your friend.

over at once, but try again. Let one kindness be followed by another, till you have compassed your end. By little and by little great things are completed.

Water, tilling day by day,
Wears the hardest rock away.

And so repeated kindness will soften a heart of stone. Whatever you do, do it willingly. A boy that is whipped at school never learns his lesson well. A man that is compelled to work cares not how badly it is per-

A cheerful spirit gets on quick.
A grumbler in the mud will stick.
Evil thoughts are our worst foes.

enemies. Keep your heads and hearts full of good thoughts that bad thoughts may not find room. Be on your guard, and strive and pray, To drive all evil thoughts away.

THE colored people of the South had just as well learn now

as at any other time, that, wherever they may, they will have to scratch for a living.